

In the Claims

Please replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application with the following list of claims:

Please cancel claims 279-282, 299-304, 308-315, 317, 319, and 379-484 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1-275. (Cancelled)

276. (Original) A method comprising:

allowing a first colloid particle to become immobilized with respect to a second colloid particle by binding interaction between a first chemical or biological species fastened or adapted to be fastened to the first colloid particle and a second chemical or biological species fastened to or adapted to be fastened to the second colloid particle; and

determining the immobilization of the first colloid particle with respect to the second colloid particle.

277-484. (Cancelled)